

Doctor of Laws, honoris causa
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Frank Iacobucci

Treasurer,

May I present to you and to this Convocation The Honourable Justice Frank Iacobucci, Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, and request that you confer upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.

His career exemplifies a dedication to the law, the profession, and the public service, which is extraordinary both in its breadth of undertaking and its level of accomplishment.

Entering the profession in 1964, he left private practice to pursue a career in the teaching of law at the University of Toronto. There, his quick intellect, his administrative skills and his leadership were soon recognized by his peers, and he was given a succession of increasingly responsible positions both within the law school - where he occupied the deanship - and within the wider academic community, where he held the post of Vice-President and Provost of the University.

His talents were then called on by the Government of Canada, where he held the position of Deputy Attorney General of Canada, followed by his appointment as Chief Justice of the Federal Court and, in 1991, his elevation to the Supreme Court of Canada.

In addition to his contribution to the law and the legal profession, he has also contributed his talents and energy to the community at large, and in so doing has exemplified the highest ideals of our profession.

A model for the profession, he is truly deserving of the degree of Doctor of Laws honoris causa, which I ask, Treasurer, you confer upon him.